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In The Spring

A YOUNG MAN'S FANCY . . .

Dick Collins, my best friend, says I have been acting a little strange lately. The truth, although he doesn't realize it, is that I've become a man. And I don't mind admitting that I've been noticing the girls quite a bit. I guess that's why I decided the other day that no red-blooded American boy should finish the seventh grade without having a date. Of course, my father will have to drive, and then sell me a big limousine, but I suppose that I will just have to put up with that. Personally, I can't see why they don't give drivers' licenses to eleven year olds.

Readers to say, I'll ask Betty. She's my steady girl. She can't know it, of course, but she will probably be thrilled when I tell her. Here I am, locked in my bedroom with the telephone beside me, and not only within hearing distance, I hope. After she accepts, what shall I do—what if she doesn't accept? She might not even want to go out with me. She probably already has a date anyway. I'll think of something smart to say if she turns me down. I don't want her to think that I really care if she goes with me or not. You have to be pretty rough with these women and let them know exactly where they stand.

It's time to call now. Maybe I'd better wait till another night to call her. Maybe she is not at home. She is probably having a secret date with somebody else very much. No, I've got to call her right now. It will prove to everyone that I am a real man. It won't really be so hard, you know. Conversation . . . (I'll probably be the shortest conversation in the world.) After I call her once, it won't be so hard to call her again. Well, here goes. 9-416—just one more number—they'll call the "Globe" sometime after this. I'll call the time any busy, maybe nobody is at home. Hello Betty, this is Wally Wright and I was wondering if, uh, if we could, if you would, could we, I was wondering if you and I could go on a date Saturday night. My father would have to drive and you know about parents. But we could still have—oh! Mrs. Green—may I speak to Betty? Yes, Ma'am, I'll call back a little later.

A. Gridley and Flavin

Stunt Night—

A Real Success

MBA's annual stunt night was presented April 22 at eight o'clock before a "standing room only" audience. It was sponsored by the Key Club and the student body with the able assistance of teachers. Each class was represented dramatically.

The Junior School portrayed "A Spring Fashion Show." It was cleverly thought up and every seventh and eighth grade student participated.

The Freshmen did a takeoff "Little Red Riding Hood," which proved to be very amusing.

The Sophomores, the trophy winning class, presented "The Scrooge Marx Show."

The Junior's skit was "If Men Played Cards As Women Do." Funny tales, satires, radio announcements, and humorous dialogues dominated this skit.

"Dragons" was the Senior's skit. A murder of a bear baren millionaire was the key plot in this chilling suspense drama.

Stunt night was a complete success and everyone will be looking for it next year.

Allen Meadows

Mrs. Scott Substituting for Mr. Hackman in Chemistry and Physics

Vanderbilt University sent to Mrs. Paul Scott to take over Mr. Hackman's physics and chemistry classes. At the University she is a chemistry assistant. Also, Mrs. Scott's husband is an instructor in chemistry at Vanderbilt.

Before she moved to Nashville, she lived in Arizona, Oklahoma, and in chemistry. As a student of hers I can say that she is an excellent substitute for Mr. Hackman. The whole student body wishes her luck upon taking up this task at so late a date.

Dan Dickinson

Veteran of World

War II Visits Academy

MBA was very fortunate to have Major Sam Donnell who was a chaplain in World War II talk to us in a special assembly. In 1940 he was called into the army and after his training was sent to the Philippines. Here he was chaplain to 6000 airmen who were never sent their planes. He stated that in two one-hour lectures these airmen were made into infantrymen.

After he was captured he marched on the famous death march in which 140 people out of 1000 survived.

Due to a limited time he was only able to tell a small portion of his horrible and devastating experiences. It certainly took a man who was mentally fit as well as physically fit to go through what Major Donnell did. I'm sure that every student thoroughly enjoyed his sterling talk and hopes that someday he will come to see us again.

Tommy Buford



MBA Wins Mid-South Forensic Contest

On May 22nd at Southern Military Academy the Mid-South Association held its annual forensic tournament in which MBA came through with flying colors.

In the original oratory John Hardcastle won first place honors while Rob Lightfoot took two first places in declamation and poetry interpretation. Scovel Brantley was the first place winner in dramatic reading and second place in poetry interpretation.

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Walt Crockett

Dale and Duke Win Naval Scholarships

MBA had the honor of having two of our seniors placed on the N.R.O.T.C. scholarship program. Jeremy Dale and Burns Duke will attend Vanderbilt next fall, where they will take a naval science course in addition to their other subjects. The boys will have three cruises to different places on the globe during three summers and are to move for three years serving after their graduation from Vanderbilt.

Two of our last year's seniors who were already in the Naval Cadet Program, Ben Klingens and Ben Adams, were awarded the regular Naval scholarship.

These awards certainly add to the record of Montgomery Bell Academy.

Walt Crockett

Bell Ringer Announces Head Men for '54

At this time we would like to announce the men chosen for the two top positions on the paper staff for next year. They are Dick Seaton, editor, and Rusty Boyd, business manager.

Both of these boys have worked on the paper staff this year and are very capable workers, so we can rest assured that the paper will be in good hands. The whole student body is behind these boys one hundred per cent in wishing them good luck for the forth coming year.

Jimmy Rackford

Mrs. Clark Takes Freshmen Science Classes

Dr. Sager acquired a new General Science teacher to take the place of Mr. Mackman. Her name is Mrs. Wallace Clark. She has been doing substitute teaching in the city and county schools and has also been a girl scout leader. She is doing a fine job and will make a fine replacement. Her job will be hard since she is starting so late in the year, but she is capable of doing it.

John Province

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CLASS NEWS

Grade School News

Josh Taylor, Wade Elam, Tony Brash, George Sloan, Laird Smith, and Ben McDermott gave a square dance at Mrs. Brown's Coffee Shop. Most of the boys attended, also Mrs. Thompson and Mrs. Dixon. Jimmy Burke was the "punch drinking champion". Everyone had a wonderful time.

The quart at you now is better, and dead ball when it is raining. It really is dead ball if you get hit by Tom.

The Grade School gave their usual good performance at Stunt Night. Everybody looked so "beautiful". Harmon was a sweeter girl, Haddistson was a dashing tennis girl, Ed was a fine school girl, and George Sloan was the hero. Although we didn't win, we had a good time. Hal!

The boys on the privilege list in the eighth grade are George Sloan, Wade Elam, Josh Taylor, Bill Lightfoot, Laird Smith, and Emmett Dozier. In the seventh grade Tony Edwards and Robert White made it.

Harmon tells of his nights at the picture shows, and Squirt tells of his "nights of Arabia". Friday we will see the whole seventh grade in demerit study hall.

See you next September.
Tony Edwards
Emmett Dozier

Freshmen News

"Dude" running a certain sophomore competition with his flashy new coat. "E. G." gets nose caught in door to General Science room. Henry Hunt just got married. "Wendie" is star in new 3-D motion picture. "Dude" proposed to Pam Parker. "Fish" seen being chased at lunch time but escapes by jumping in creek.

Priest demand return in English because he made 69. "Bulldog" and Previne play in tennis match of year. Lew, driving his new Lincoln, beaten in drag by Rolly's M. G. Lew claims his power steering wasn't working. "Guss" out performs "Lory" in car show. Rolly, Sullivan, Martin, Sager,

and Duke threatened to be kicked off third period privilege list for throwing eggs and apples at White. White goes to next class looking like Christmas tree. "Dude's" love affair goes to the dogs as P. P. slopes with "Pip". "Pink Eye" Guy leaves hospital after emergency operation.
Jimmy Kellam

Sophomore News

Spring is in the air and Mr. Wase cuts loose with a few interesting poems about the student body and faculty. "Chromosome" Pennell has been seen working on his and other cure. Why have others been seen on the bupropo lately? Ask Butler, Cummings, Mink, Holt, Chisley, McDermott, R. Brothers, and others. This later developed into mass riots involving the entire student body. Everybody against the seniors. Well the soph did it again. They went plant night, the same class that won it last year. Thanks to Eddie Holt, Sam Porter, Ed Blank, Mark Berchard, Penny Nolan, Donald Jackson, Andy Colex, Fletcher Harvey, Mrs. Sims and many others we were rewarded with a holiday. Riots stop by special assembly. It was mentioned to me that the sophomores should get an extra holiday for winning about night two years straight. See you next year if this is the last time.
Joe Dobson

Junior News

Seawall Brandau, Bert Chaffin, John Harkessell, and John Sloan have been approached for possible Hollywood contracts after their excellent acting in the junior skit. A note to the wine is to wear shoes with plenty of shoelaces so sophomores can't use them for their little games. Cullen is being heralded as M.I.I.'s best all-around athlete. Bainbridge R. is on National Honor Society. Yoss and Armstrong determined to take barrels and be strong men. "Bog Rod" Richardson wins prize in Poetry Show. Norton's fielding average on the baseball team is

about his age. Was Brandau seen parking on West End Ave. with M. F. L. Turner (Pumper)? Williams has a new home in Belle Meade. Does anybody know where Gardner Ott lives? Duke (Scout)? Kennedy has been using a lot of Bernice Miller lately, can it be that the owner of the Wasp has settled down? Congratulations to Allen Meadows for winning an "Oscar" at Stunt Night.
Johnnie Craig

Senior News

Student body develops new game. "Grab a shoe and throw it in corner in the creek." Thomas becomes daily volunteer. TV viewers throughout the nation join MBA study hall to acclaim Senior skit as a certainty for an Oscar. Roberts requires afternoon job as pet shop keeper. Customer purchases Roberts in wire-haired terrier department. Brown's baseball is an action-magazine. Brown's workers dig frantically as Regen steps on opposing catcher. Crockett expresses dislike of school paper being covered, declares paper should now be printed on Kleenex for convenience.

Jacobs has trouble with younger brother. . . . ready book on child psychology. When also reads book on child's psychology. Unbreakable Bright speaks date with new physics teacher. MBA basketballers thump Ryan 4-3 as Brown collects three hits. Brown holds out for new pair of socks. Poor conduct forces Dr. Sager to close classroom, library, study hall, gym, and lunch rooms during students' spare time at lunch period. Students may now be seen sitting around in trees at lunch period.

Several Seniors work part time, planting flowers on school grounds. Project dubbed as failure at Lakewood ends in failure. School officials give no excuse as Thomas finds set of teeth in chili. MBA natters on stage. Wase High School's constant talking comes to abrupt end as Roberts scoldes tennis ball. Dr. Sager vents tractor to cut grass around campus. Tractor Mades shattered as Jones falls in front of tractor. Student body given half holiday as Goss chaves. New fool, roll your own cigarettes, smokes Academy. Brooks casually smokes his finger. War Department announces plans to model new tank after Boochard.

Now, spillover readers. I. Wyder Zoonakskimov, have decided to release in this last issue, vital statistics concerning the Senior class and their love lives. The present conditions are as follows. Hugged: Larry Wilson by Betty Chiles, Jack Boochard by Nan Goss, Jimmy Dale by Florence Smith, John Thomas by Nancy Reuther. Can be controlled like warm puppy: Tommy Buford by Linda Chapman, Larry Thomas by Nancy Dyer, Burns Duke by Danya Kendall. Most private and mysterious: Bobby Chaffin and Eve Lewis. Most hopelessly lost in clouds and birds rest of world rather dull. Walt Crockett, sentenced by Anne Kirkpatrick. Wed: Jack Williams to Ann Haddistson, Charlie Brooks to Patricia Ridge. Mashed the ship: Best of Senior class.
Bobby Smith

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Bottom
of the
Afternoon

By Blue La Rue

It's not long now . . . lunch-time rats break out as good weather appears. . . . "Park Chops" Sloan hides out in nearby cave as meal gets scarce. . . . Hobt seen on new TV program. . . . "Mirror Man, The Space Cadet". . . . Reilly saves the day so lights go out in study hall. . . . Mole McDermott to enter 24 Kentucky Derby. . . . Sweet Sleep Sam Bright heard talking with a sweet Georgia accent. . . . Seniors planning big trip to Florida, everybody wants to go with somebody else. . . . "Short Dog" Hurt loses fraternity pin, last reported seen on Bear Road. . . . Overton is hiding as day looses expires. . . . Sherman Billingsley to buy "Mirror Club" after its successful spring season. . . . "Willie the Actor" Sutton to star at Community Playhouse. . . . Sophomores win "Stunt Night" contest thanks to "Po-Po the Freeman" and "Willie the Waper" Pennell.
Alkie Reuther

WATER SAFETY

We are now approaching that season of the year when thousands of people will lose their lives because of lack of knowledge of water safety. The one dark note in an otherwise bright and stimulating picture is seen in the number of people who lose their lives by drowning (7,500 a year).

Knowledge and skill—these are the things which tend to eliminate danger. Skill in aquatic is acquired through instruction and practice. But one must not be a skillful swimmer in order to practice safety.

Do not swim far at least one hour following meals. The violation of this rule is the principal cause of stomach cramps.

2. Do not swim alone.
3. Do not attempt a distance swim unless you are accompanied by a boat.

4. Do not stay in the water after you are exhausted or cold.
5. Do not swim or dive in places that are unfamiliar to you as you will not know the various depths or currents.

In shallow swimming, the principal hazards are tide and currents. Hundreds of swimmers suffer neck and spine fractures from diving into shallow water where the water depth has changed by the tide. Ocean undertows or currents are caused by the outward movement of water. The waves move toward the shore and the undertow is reverse action of this water. The swimmer caught in an undertow should turn, go with it, and take a diagonal course to the surface.

Upon the completion of the Old Hickory Dam on the Cumberland River there will be a large body of water in our doorstep. Those of us who go boating on huge bodies of water would do well to understand the simple rules of safety. A frequent cause of boat accidents is overloading a boat. People who are caught out in an overloaded boat are in trouble when rough water develops. All too few know that
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WATER SAFETY

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Federal Coast Guard requires U. S. Coast Guard approved life-preserver for each and every passenger in a boat. If your fast should capsize and you do not have a life preserver you should hold on to the overturned boat, but do not try to climb on it.

Another hazard is overpowering an outboard boat of insufficient size or design.

The safest way to aid a swimmer is difficulty is to rescue him without entering the water. In rescuing a victim, you should be sure you know how to preserve your own life. Knowledge of water safety is essential—the life you save may be your own.—Dick Seales.

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Box Scores as follows:			
MBA	AD	H	H
Dale, 2b	4	0	0
Martin, 3s	3	0	0
Callan, 1f	2	0	0
Bradford, 2b	4	2	2
Roife, cf	3	1	1
Negron, p	2	0	1
Kirkpatrick, p	3	0	0
Meadows, 1b	1	1	0
Brown, cf	4	2	3
Moon, c	3	1	0
Totals	26	4	4
Ryan 600 121 9-7			
MBA 660 524 4-2			
Negron: RBI—Buckner 2			
Martin, Brown 5, MR; Meadows 2			
—Beggs 11, SO—Beggs 5, WF—			
Kirkpatrick.			

The Maroon sailors are continuing their winning ways in the N.I.L. competition. In the first three matches with East, West, and Peabody the opponents were defeated by scores of 5-0, 6-0, and 5-0 in that order. With N.I.L. singles champion John Thorne leading the way, the Maroon racquetmen have won all three matches this year. The team is making their annual trip to Chattanooga to challenge some of the Mid-South teams. Their first match on the 25th they will play McCallie, Darlington, and Baylor in that order. They will leave on Thursday, 26th, for Chattanooga, Tenn., on the 25. It should be a very exciting trip for the team. Those making the trip will be Captain Thorne, Roberts, Williams, Little, and Thorne, and Coach Good Jack Sells.

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Box score:	AB	R	E
MBA			
Dale, 1b	5	2	3
Martin, ss	5	5	2
Kirkpatrick, lf, p	3	1	1
Hufford, 2b, 1b	5	1	1
Relfe, p, rf	5	3	2
Brown, cf	4	2	2
Moore, c	5	0	0
Linsberger, cf	2	0	0
Heggen, p	2	0	1
Watson, 2b	2	1	0
Totals	30	14	9

The 35A golf team, defending city champions for the past three years, composed in the Southern Interscholastic Golf Tournament, which was held at the University of Chattanooga April 30 and May 1. The event is held over the Sacred Mountain and Fairground (Lookout Mountain) for the first 26 holes, followed by the final 13 at the lush Chattanooga Golf and Country Club. Last year the academy team placed third in the state, but this year, for the year did not fare so well. Palmer Temple led the Maroon linksmen with a 234 total for the 54 holes, followed by Alan Goss with a 249. Dan Owsen and Butch McMillan at 260.

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A black and white portrait of a young woman with short, dark, wavy hair. She is smiling and looking slightly to the right of the camera. She is wearing a light-colored, possibly white, top. The background is a plain, light color.

Miss Margaret Buford, pretty daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Buford on 23rd Ave. So., has been elected president of the freshman class. Margaret, who is nineteen years old, is not only a student of the University of North Dakota, but also a member of Delta Theta Sorority, but also is active in sports and her school work. She is also treasurer of the freshman class at Willoughby High and was voted "most popular" girl of the year. She plays basketball for her society and is one of the "senior" team at Willoughby High. Margaret has a very frequent thing with Margaret and she is an outstanding member of the senior class. Not only being active in high school, she was very active in college. She was a member of the basketball team and was a cheer leader. She also is a member of the Willoughby Church. Margaret truly is a versatile and charming girl, not only in the opinion of girls, but

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Personalities of the Month



John Thorpe

Have you ever heard of the friendly "J Bird"? That's John Thorpe, the wildest caddy on the campus. I have been here acting up since his freshman year when he came to us from Woodmont School. In September of 1960 Jay pledged Delta Sigma and now he is a senator for that group.

In the field of sports Jay has been the leader of the basketball and tennis team. His sophomore year he played J.V. basketball and went on to play varsity the following two years. This year he was co-captain of the team. I played varsity tennis for 3 years and is also captain of this group. It looks like Seneca is Jay's choice of colleges. At present he is a member of the tennis and water staff plus the Monogram Club.

Like—nothing, Dislike everything.



Jack Williams

Jack is one of our outstanding scholars at MRA. He has attended MRA for 4 years. Jack had gone to Stokes in grammar school. As a freshman Jack pledged Delta Sigma and now holds the office of treasurer. Also in his freshman year he received the General Science and English medals. Jack is this year's Sec-tretarian for the senior class.

Tennis has been Jack's best sport. He has played on the Varsity for four years which is quite commendable. Jack participates in many organizations—the H.V. Club, Monogram Club and is the feature editor of the annual and newspaper.

Last year Jack received a high honor. He went to Boys' State and became Commissioner of Education. Jack prefers to go to Vandy for his education where I know he will do well.

Like—Physics, Dislike—French.



Nancy Tupper

Seniors Choose Sponsor

The Senior Class of Montegomery Bell Academy is more than proud to announce that Miss Nancy Tupper has been chosen the class sponsor of 1963. Nancy is the 16 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Tupper, Jr. She attends St. Bernard Academy where she is a Junior.

In her Junior year she is an active member of the Deacons Club of St. Bernard Academy. She is also a hard worker on the school paper at her school. Nancy is an active member of the Kappa Delta Theta Society. We, the Senior Class, are honored to be represented by this fine, outstanding young girl.

Lynch Bennett, Jr.

WILLIAM WIPER'S REPORT

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has hair the same square as his head. I found out that those men not only encountered a cobra, a Poppa snake, but a certain huge Hapoda. That gulping sound and that sound like the flapping of wings and the roar of a bee have must be a fight in the M. G. with Lizz at the wheel and Whiskey in the other seat. Well, I had a pack of cigarettes here a minute ago but Wiper must have got them. So I'll now leave this beautiful island, and Wiper away its memories.

Whispering yours,
Wiper

"Girl of the Month"



Ann Huddleston

The popular Miss this month is Ann Huddleston, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clay W. Huddleston, Clairmont Place. Ann is a sophomore at Harpeth Hall where she is a member of the Triad Club. Miss Huddleston holds membership in the Speech and Lette Clubs and sings in the Glee Club. Besides her many activities on the school campus Ann takes a large part in church work as chairman of Worship for the Young Peoples group at Calvary Methodist Church. Here she also sings in the choir of which she is secretary. Miss Huddleston is an active member of the Kappa Delta Theta society. She likes several sports including softball, tennis, and swimming. No group is quite complete without her gay laughter and pleasing personality. The Bell Ringer congratulates her as Girl of the Month.

Duncan Callioft

CORRECTION:

Clarke Woodfin's name was omitted from the Senior Honor Society list in our last edition through an error.

Annual High School Declaration Contest

The Annual High School Declaration Contest was held Thursday night, May 14th at 8:00 P.M. in the school auditorium.

The Junior-Senior contestants are:

Steve Wood
Bob Lightfoot
John Sloan
John Hardsolte
Seawell Brantau

The Freshman-Sophomore contestants are:

Andy Cline
Hoyes Cooney
Edith Hale
Bill Bradford

The Junior School contest was held Wednesday morning, May 8th. The contestants were:

Wade Elam
George Sloan
Tony Edmonds
Clay Huddleston

George Sloan won 1st place and Tony Edmonds took 2nd place.

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